



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0021

Introduced , by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. X, Sec. 1

Proposes to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a fundamental responsibility (instead of goal) of the People of the State is the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capacities. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE X
11 EDUCATION

12 (ILCON Art. X, Sec. 1)

13 SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITY GOAL - FREE SCHOOLS

14 A fundamental responsibility goal of the People of the
15 State is the educational development of all persons to the
16 limits of their capacities.

17 The State shall provide for an efficient system of high
18 quality public educational institutions and services.
19 Education in public schools through the secondary level shall
20 be free. There may be such other free education as the General
21 Assembly provides by law.

22 The State has the primary responsibility for financing the
23 system of public education.

1 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

2 SCHEDULE

3 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
4 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
5 Constitutional Amendment Act.